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April 2, 2020

Re: Moratorium of Construction via Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation (20-25)

Dear Governor Inslee,

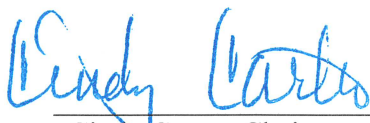
The Grant County Board of Commissioners implores you to reconsider your recent moratorium on the construction of single-family residences within Washington State. The initial proclamations issued categorized construction development as an essential business. It is the position of Grant County that construction of single-family homes should remain an essential function during the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.

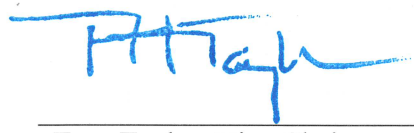
Within the Columbia Basin there is a significant need for affordable housing. By issuing a moratorium on development of single-family residences, it will have the effect of further distancing the affordability gap within our community. There is no doubt these are unprecedented times for our State and Nation. The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak is forecasted to have a significant impact on our local, national, and global economy. By enacting restrictions on single-family residence development, this is perpetuating the economic divide, impacting revenue sources for our constituents and local government agencies.

The Board of Commissioners has received assurance from the development community of their ability to maintain safe social distancing practices whilst maintaining the continuity of construction services. Per the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) advisory memo provided on March 28, 2020 residential construction is a recognized essential critical infrastructure work function during the COVID-19 illness. We urge you to consider implementing an amendment to the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation to allow for the development of single-family homes.

Sincerely,

Grant County Board of Commissioners


Cindy Carter, Chair


Tom Taylor, Vice Chair


Richard Stevens, Member